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S. 414

AN ACT

To amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ocean Shipping Re-
5 form Act of 1998”.



1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act,
3 this Act and the amendments made by this Act take effect
4 May 1, 1999.

5 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
6 **SHIPPING ACT OF 1984**

7 **SEC. 101. PURPOSE.**

8 Section 2 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
9 App. 1701) is amended by—

10 (1) striking “and” after the semicolon in para-
11 graph (2);

12 (2) striking “needs.” in paragraph (3) and in-
13 serting “needs; and”;

14 (3) adding at the end thereof the following:

15 “(4) to promote the growth and development of
16 United States exports through competitive and effi-
17 cient ocean transportation and by placing a greater
18 reliance on the marketplace.”.

19 **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

20 Section 3 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
21 App. 1702) is amended by—

22 (1) striking “the government under whose reg-
23 istry the vessels of the carrier operate;” in para-
24 graph (8) and inserting “a government;”;

25 (2) striking paragraph (9) and inserting the fol-
26 lowing:

1 “(9) ‘deferred rebate’ means a return by a com-
2 mon carrier of any portion of freight money to a
3 shipper as a consideration for that shipper giving all,
4 or any portion, of its shipments to that or any other
5 common carrier over a fixed period of time, the pay-
6 ment of which is deferred beyond the completion of
7 service for which it is paid, and is made only if the
8 shipper has agreed to make a further shipment or
9 shipments with that or any other common carrier.”;

10 (3) striking paragraph (10) and redesignating
11 paragraphs (11) through (27) as paragraphs (10)
12 through (26);

13 (4) striking “in an unfinished or semifinished
14 state that require special handling moving in lot
15 sizes too large for a container,” in paragraph (10),
16 as redesignated;

17 (5) striking “paper board in rolls, and paper in
18 rolls.” in paragraph (10) as redesignated and insert-
19 ing “paper and paper board in rolls or in pallet or
20 skid-sized sheets.”;

21 (6) striking “conference, other than a service
22 contract or contract based upon time-volume rates,”
23 in paragraph (13) as redesignated and inserting
24 “agreement”;

1 (7) striking “conference.” in paragraph (13) as
 2 redesignated and inserting “agreement and the con-
 3 tract provides for a deferred rebate arrangement.”;

4 (8) by striking “carrier.” in paragraph (14) as
 5 redesignated and inserting “carrier, or in connection
 6 with a common carrier and a water carrier subject
 7 to subchapter II of chapter 135 of title 49, United
 8 States Code.”;

9 (9) striking paragraph (16) as redesignated and
 10 redesignating paragraphs (17) through (26) as re-
 11 designated as paragraphs (16) through (25), respec-
 12 tively;

13 (10) striking paragraph (17), as redesignated,
 14 and inserting the following:

15 “(17) ‘ocean transportation intermediary’
 16 means an ocean freight forwarder or a non-vessel-op-
 17 erating common carrier. For purposes of this para-
 18 graph, the term—

19 “(A) ‘ocean freight forwarder’ means a
 20 person that—

21 “(i) in the United States, dispatches
 22 shipments from the United States via a
 23 common carrier and books or otherwise ar-
 24 ranges space for those shipments on behalf
 25 of shippers; and

1 “(ii) processes the documentation or
2 performs related activities incident to those
3 shipments; and

4 “(B) ‘non-vessel-operating common carrier’
5 means a common carrier that does not operate
6 the vessels by which the ocean transportation is
7 provided, and is a shipper in its relationship
8 with an ocean common carrier.”;

9 (11) striking paragraph (19), as redesignated
10 and inserting the following:

11 “(19) ‘service contract’ means a written con-
12 tract, other than a bill of lading or a receipt, be-
13 tween one or more shippers and an individual ocean
14 common carrier or an agreement between or among
15 ocean common carriers in which the shipper or ship-
16 pers makes a commitment to provide a certain vol-
17 ume or portion of cargo over a fixed time period,
18 and the ocean common carrier or the agreement
19 commits to a certain rate or rate schedule and a de-
20 fined service level, such as assured space, transit
21 time, port rotation, or similar service features. The
22 contract may also specify provisions in the event of
23 nonperformance on the part of any party.”; and

24 (12) striking paragraph (21), as redesignated,
25 and inserting the following:

1 “(21) ‘shipper’ means—

2 “(A) a cargo owner;

3 “(B) the person for whose account the
4 ocean transportation is provided;

5 “(C) the person to whom delivery is to be
6 made;

7 “(D) a shippers’ association; or

8 “(E) an ocean transportation intermediary,
9 as defined in paragraph (17)(B) of this section,
10 that accepts responsibility for payment of all
11 charges applicable under the tariff or service
12 contract.”.

13 **SEC. 103. AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ACT.**

14 (a) OCEAN COMMON CARRIERS.—Section 4(a) of the
15 Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1703(a)) is amend-
16 ed by—

17 (1) striking “operators or non-vessel-operating
18 common carriers;” in paragraph (5) and inserting
19 “operators;”;

20 (2) striking “and” in paragraph (6) and insert-
21 ing “or”; and

22 (3) striking paragraph (7) and inserting the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(7) discuss and agree on any matter related to
25 service contracts.”.

1 (b) MARINE TERMINAL OPERATORS.—Section 4(b)
 2 of that Act (46 U.S.C. App. 1703(b)) is amended by—

3 (1) striking “(to the extent the agreements in-
 4 volve ocean transportation in the foreign commerce
 5 of the United States)”;

6 (2) striking “and” in paragraph (1) and insert-
 7 ing “or”; and

8 (3) striking “arrangements.” in paragraph (2)
 9 and inserting “arrangements, to the extent that such
 10 agreements involve ocean transportation in the for-
 11 eign commerce of the United States.”.

12 **SEC. 104. AGREEMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Shipping Act of
 14 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1704) is amended by—

15 (1) striking subsection (b)(8) and inserting the
 16 following:

17 “(8) provide that any member of the conference
 18 may take independent action on any rate or service
 19 item upon not more than 5 calendar days’ notice to
 20 the conference and that, except for exempt commod-
 21 ities not published in the conference tariff, the con-
 22 ference will include the new rate or service item in
 23 its tariff for use by that member, effective no later
 24 than 5 calendar days after receipt of the notice, and
 25 by any other member that notifies the conference

1 that it elects to adopt the independent rate or serv-
 2 ice item on or after its effective date, in lieu of the
 3 existing conference tariff provision for that rate or
 4 service item;

5 (2) redesignating subsections (c) through (e) as
 6 subsections (d) through (f); and

7 (3) inserting after subsection (b) the following:

8 “(c) OCEAN COMMON CARRIER AGREEMENTS.—An
 9 ocean common carrier agreement may not—

10 “(1) prohibit or restrict a member or members
 11 of the agreement from engaging in negotiations for
 12 service contracts with 1 or more shippers;

13 “(2) require a member or members of the
 14 agreement to disclose a negotiation on a service con-
 15 tract, or the terms and conditions of a service con-
 16 tract, other than those terms or conditions required
 17 to be published under section 8(c)(3) of this Act; or

18 “(3) adopt mandatory rules or requirements af-
 19 fecting the right of an agreement member or agree-
 20 ment members to negotiate and enter into service
 21 contracts.

22 An agreement may provide authority to adopt voluntary
 23 guidelines relating to the terms and procedures of an
 24 agreement member’s or agreement members’ service con-
 25 tracts if the guidelines explicitly state the right of mem-

bers of the agreement not to follow the guidelines. These guidelines shall be confidentially submitted to the Commission.”.

(b) APPLICATION.—

(1) Subsection (e) of section 5 of that Act, as redesignated, is amended by striking “this Act, the Shipping Act, 1916, and the Intercoastal Shipping Act, 1933, do” and inserting “this Act does”; and

(2) Subsection (f) of section 5 of that Act, as redesignated, is amended by—

(A) striking “and the Shipping Act, 1916, do” and inserting “does”;

(B) striking “or the Shipping Act, 1916,”; and

(C) inserting “or are essential terms of a service contract” after “tariff”.

SEC. 105. EXEMPTION FROM ANTITRUST LAWS.

Section 7 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1706) is amended by—

(1) inserting “or publication” in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) after “filing”;

(2) striking “or” at the end of subsection (b)(2);

(3) striking “States.” at the end of subsection (b)(3) and inserting “States; or”; and

1 (4) adding at the end of subsection (b) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(4) to any loyalty contract.”.

4 **SEC. 106. TARIFFS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a) of the Shipping Act
6 of 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1707(a)) is amended by—

7 (1) inserting “new assembled motor vehicles,”
8 after “scrap,” in paragraph (1);

9 (2) striking “file with the Commission, and” in
10 paragraph (1);

11 (3) striking “inspection,” in paragraph (1) and
12 inserting “inspection in an automated tariff sys-
13 tem,”;

14 (4) striking “tariff filings” in paragraph (1)
15 and inserting “tariffs”;

16 (5) striking “freight forwarder” in paragraph
17 (1)(C) and inserting “transportation intermediary,
18 as defined in section 3(17)(A),”;

19 (6) striking “and” at the end of paragraph
20 (1)(D);

21 (7) striking “loyalty contract,” in paragraph
22 (1)(E);

23 (8) striking “agreement.” in paragraph (1)(E)
24 and inserting “agreement; and”;

1 (9) adding at the end of paragraph (1) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(F) include copies of any loyalty contract,
4 omitting the shipper’s name.”; and

5 (10) striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(2) Tariffs shall be made available electroni-
8 cally to any person, without time, quantity, or other
9 limitation, through appropriate access from remote
10 locations, and a reasonable charge may be assessed
11 for such access. No charge may be assessed a Fed-
12 eral agency for such access.”.

13 (b) SERVICE CONTRACTS.—Subsection (c) of that
14 section is amended to read as follows:

15 “(c) SERVICE CONTRACTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual ocean com-
17 mon carrier or an agreement between or among
18 ocean common carriers may enter into a service con-
19 tract with one or more shippers subject to the re-
20 quirements of this Act. The exclusive remedy for a
21 breach of a contract entered into under this sub-
22 section shall be an action in an appropriate court,
23 unless the parties otherwise agree. In no case may
24 the contract dispute resolution forum be controlled
25 by or in any way affiliated with a controlled carrier

as defined in section 3(8) of this Act, or by the government which owns or controls the carrier.

“(2) FILING REQUIREMENTS.—Except for service contracts dealing with bulk cargo, forest products, recycled metal scrap, new assembled motor vehicles, waste paper, or paper waste, each contract entered into under this subsection by an individual ocean common carrier or an agreement shall be filed confidentially with the Commission. Each service contract shall include the following essential terms—

“(A) the origin and destination port ranges;

“(B) the origin and destination geographic areas in the case of through intermodal movements;

“(C) the commodity or commodities involved;

“(D) the minimum volume or portion;

“(E) the line-haul rate;

“(F) the duration;

“(G) service commitments; and

“(H) the liquidated damages for non-performance, if any.

“(3) PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN TERMS.—When a service contract is filed confidentially with the

Commission, a concise statement of the essential terms described in paragraphs 2 (A), (C), (D), and (F) shall be published and made available to the general public in tariff format.

“(4) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN TERMS.—

“(A) An ocean common carrier, which is a party to or is subject to the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement with a labor organization, shall, in response to a written request by such labor organization, state whether it is responsible for the following work at dock areas and within port areas in the United States with respect to cargo transportation under a service contract described in paragraph (1) of this subsection—

“(i) the movement of the shipper’s cargo on a dock area or within the port area or to or from railroad cars on a dock area or within the port area;

“(ii) the assignment of intraport carriage of the shipper’s cargo between areas on a dock or within the port area;

“(iii) the assignment of the carriage of the shipper’s cargo between a container yard on a dock area or within the port

1 area and a rail yard adjacent to such con-
2 tainer yard; and

3 “(iv) the assignment of container
4 freight station work and container mainte-
5 nance and repair work performed at a dock
6 area or within the port area.

7 “(B) The common carrier shall provide the
8 information described in subparagraph (A) of
9 this paragraph to the requesting labor organiza-
10 tion within a reasonable period of time.

11 “(C) This paragraph requires the disclo-
12 sure of information by an ocean common carrier
13 only if there exists an applicable and otherwise
14 lawful collective bargaining agreement which
15 pertains to that carrier. No disclosure made by
16 an ocean common carrier shall be deemed to be
17 an admission or agreement that any work is
18 covered by a collective bargaining agreement.
19 Any dispute regarding whether any work is cov-
20 ered by a collective bargaining agreement and
21 the responsibility of the ocean common carrier
22 under such agreement shall be resolved solely in
23 accordance with the dispute resolution proce-
24 dures contained in the collective bargaining

1 agreement and the National Labor Relations
2 Act, and without reference to this paragraph.

3 “(D) Nothing in this paragraph shall have
4 any effect on the lawfulness or unlawfulness
5 under this Act, the National Labor Relations
6 Act, the Taft-Hartley Act, the Federal Trade
7 Commission Act, the antitrust laws, or any
8 other Federal or State law, or any revisions or
9 amendments thereto, of any collective bargain-
10 ing agreement or element thereof, including any
11 element that constitutes an essential term of a
12 service contract under this subsection.

13 “(E) For purposes of this paragraph the
14 terms ‘dock area’ and ‘within the port area’
15 shall have the same meaning and scope as in
16 the applicable collective bargaining agreement
17 between the requesting labor organization and
18 the carrier.”.

19 (c) RATES.—Subsection (d) of that section is amend-
20 ed by—

21 (1) striking the subsection caption and insert-
22 ing “(d) TARIFF RATES.—”;

23 (2) striking “30 days after filing with the Com-
24 mission.” in the first sentence and inserting “30 cal-
25 endar days after publication.”;

1 (3) inserting “calendar” after “30” in the next
2 sentence; and

3 (4) striking “publication and filing with the
4 Commission.” in the last sentence and inserting
5 “publication.”.

6 (d) REFUNDS.—Subsection (e) of that section is
7 amended by—

8 (1) striking “tariff of a clerical or administra-
9 tive nature or an error due to inadvertence” in para-
10 graph (1) and inserting a comma; and

11 (2) striking “file a new tariff,” in paragraph
12 (1) and inserting “publish a new tariff, or an error
13 in quoting a tariff,”;

14 (3) striking “refund, filed a new tariff with the
15 Commission” in paragraph (2) and inserting “re-
16 fund for an error in a tariff or a failure to publish
17 a tariff, published a new tariff”;

18 (4) inserting “and” at the end of paragraph
19 (2); and

20 (5) striking paragraph (3) and redesignating
21 paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

22 (e) MARINE TERMINAL OPERATOR SCHEDULES.—
23 Subsection (f) of that section is amended to read as fol-
24 lows:

1 “(f) MARINE TERMINAL OPERATOR SCHEDULES.—
 2 A marine terminal operator may make available to the
 3 public, subject to section 10(d) of this Act, a schedule of
 4 rates, regulations, and practices, including limitations of
 5 liability for cargo loss or damage, pertaining to receiving,
 6 delivering, handling, or storing property at its marine ter-
 7 minal. Any such schedule made available to the public
 8 shall be enforceable by an appropriate court as an implied
 9 contract without proof of actual knowledge of its provi-
 10 sions.”.

11 (f) AUTOMATED TARIFF SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS;
 12 FORM.—Section 8 of that Act is amended by adding at
 13 the end the following:

14 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Commission shall by regu-
 15 lation prescribe the requirements for the accessibility and
 16 accuracy of automated tariff systems established under
 17 this section. The Commission may, after periodic review,
 18 prohibit the use of any automated tariff system that fails
 19 to meet the requirements established under this section.
 20 The Commission may not require a common carrier to
 21 provide a remote terminal for access under subsection
 22 (a)(2). The Commission shall by regulation prescribe the
 23 form and manner in which marine terminal operator
 24 schedules authorized by this section shall be published.”.

1 **SEC. 107. AUTOMATED TARIFF FILING AND INFORMATION**
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 Section 502 of the High Seas Driftnet Fisheries En-
4 forcement Act (46 U.S.C. App. 1707a) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 108. CONTROLLED CARRIERS.**

6 Section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
7 App. 1708) is amended by—

8 (1) striking “service contracts filed with the
9 Commission” in the first sentence of subsection (a)
10 and inserting “service contracts, or charge or assess
11 rates,”;

12 (2) striking “or maintain” in the first sentence
13 of subsection (a) and inserting “maintain, or en-
14 force”;

15 (3) striking “disapprove” in the third sentence
16 of subsection (a) and inserting “prohibit the publica-
17 tion or use of”; and

18 (4) striking “filed by a controlled carrier that
19 have been rejected, suspended, or disapproved by the
20 Commission” in the last sentence of subsection (a)
21 and inserting “that have been suspended or prohib-
22 ited by the Commission”;

23 (5) striking “may take into account appropriate
24 factors including, but not limited to, whether—” in
25 subsection (b) and inserting “shall take into account
26 whether the rates or charges which have been pub-

1 lished or assessed or which would result from the
 2 pertinent classifications, rules, or regulations are
 3 below a level which is fully compensatory to the con-
 4 trolled carrier based upon that carrier's actual costs
 5 or upon its constructive costs. For purposes of the
 6 preceding sentence, the term 'constructive costs'
 7 means the costs of another carrier, other than a con-
 8 trolled carrier, operating similar vessels and equip-
 9 ment in the same or a similar trade. The Commis-
 10 sion may also take into account other appropriate
 11 factors, including but not limited to, whether—”;

12 (6) striking paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and
 13 redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) as para-
 14 graphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;

15 (7) striking “filed” in paragraph (1) as redesign-
 16 nated and inserting “published or assessed”;

17 (8) striking “filing with the Commission.” in
 18 subsection (c) and inserting “publication.”;

19 (9) striking “DISAPPROVAL OF RATES.—” in
 20 subsection (d) and inserting “PROHIBITION OF
 21 RATES.—Within 120 days after the receipt of infor-
 22 mation requested by the Commission under this sec-
 23 tion, the Commission shall determine whether the
 24 rates, charges, classifications, rules, or regulations of

1 a controlled carrier may be unjust and unreason-
2 able.”;

3 (10) striking “filed” in subsection (d) and in-
4 serting “published or assessed”;

5 (11) striking “may issue” in subsection (d) and
6 inserting “shall issue”;

7 (12) striking “disapproved.” in subsection (d)
8 and inserting “prohibited.”;

9 (13) striking “60” in subsection (d) and insert-
10 ing “30”;

11 (14) inserting “controlled” after “affected” in
12 subsection (d);

13 (15) striking “file” in subsection (d) and insert-
14 ing “publish”;

15 (16) striking “disapproval” in subsection (e)
16 and inserting “prohibition”;

17 (17) inserting “or” after the semicolon in sub-
18 section (f)(1);

19 (18) striking paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of
20 subsection (f); and

21 (19) redesignating paragraph (5) of subsection
22 (f) as paragraph (2).

23 **SEC. 109. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

24 (a) Section 10(b) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46
25 U.S.C. App. 1709(b)) is amended by—

- 1 (1) striking paragraphs (1) through (3);
- 2 (2) redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph
- 3 (1);
- 4 (3) inserting after paragraph (1), as redesign-
- 5 nated, the following:
 - 6 “(2) provide service in the liner trade that—
 - 7 “(A) is not in accordance with the rates,
 - 8 charges, classifications, rules, and practices
 - 9 contained in a tariff published or a service con-
 - 10 tract entered into under section 8 of this Act
 - 11 unless excepted or exempted under section
 - 12 8(a)(1) or 16 of this Act; or
 - 13 “(B) is under a tariff or service contract
 - 14 which has been suspended or prohibited by the
 - 15 Commission under section 9 of this Act or the
 - 16 Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46
 - 17 U.S.C. App. 1710a);”;
 - 18 (4) redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as
 - 19 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;
 - 20 (5) striking “except for service contracts,” in
 - 21 paragraph (4), as redesignated, and inserting “for
 - 22 service pursuant to a tariff,”;
 - 23 (6) striking “rates;” in paragraph (4)(A), as re-
 - 24 designated, and inserting “rates or charges;”;

1 (7) inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignig-
2 nated, the following:

3 “(5) for service pursuant to a service contract,
4 engage in any unfair or unjustly discriminatory
5 practice in the matter of rates or charges with re-
6 spect to any port;”;

7 (8) redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
8 paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively;

9 (9) striking paragraph (6) as redesignated and
10 inserting the following:

11 “(6) use a vessel or vessels in a particular trade
12 for the purpose of excluding, preventing, or reducing
13 competition by driving another ocean common car-
14 rier out of that trade;”;

15 (10) striking paragraphs (9) through (13) and
16 inserting the following:

17 “(8) for service pursuant to a tariff, give any
18 undue or unreasonable preference or advantage or
19 impose any undue or unreasonable prejudice or dis-
20 advantage;

21 “(9) for service pursuant to a service contract,
22 give any undue or unreasonable preference or advan-
23 tage or impose any undue or unreasonable prejudice
24 or disadvantage with respect to any port;

1 “(10) unreasonably refuse to deal or nego-
2 tiate;”;

3 (11) redesignating paragraphs (14), (15), and
4 (16) as paragraphs (11), (12), and (13), respec-
5 tively;

6 (12) striking “a non-vessel-operating common
7 carrier” in paragraphs (11) and (12) as redesign-
8 nated and inserting “an ocean transportation inter-
9 mediary”;

10 (13) striking “sections 8 and 23” in paragraphs
11 (11) and (12) as redesignated and inserting “sec-
12 tions 8 and 19”;

13 (14) striking “or in which an ocean transpor-
14 tation intermediary is listed as an affiliate” in para-
15 graph (12), as redesignated;

16 (15) striking “Act;” in paragraph (12), as re-
17 designating, and inserting “Act, or with an affiliate
18 of such ocean transportation intermediary;”

19 (16) striking “paragraph (16)” in the matter
20 appearing after paragraph (13), as redesignated,
21 and inserting “paragraph (13)”; and

22 (17) inserting “the Commission,” after “United
23 States,” in such matter.

24 (b) Section 10(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46
25 U.S.C. App. 1709(c)) is amended by—

1 (1) striking “non-ocean carriers” in paragraph
2 (4) and inserting “non-ocean carriers, unless such
3 negotiations and any resulting agreements are not in
4 violation of the antitrust laws and are consistent
5 with the purposes of this Act”;

6 (2) striking “freight forwarder” in paragraph
7 (5) and inserting “transportation intermediary, as
8 defined by section 3(17)(A) of this Act,”;

9 (3) striking “or” at the end of paragraph (5);

10 (4) striking “contract.” in paragraph (6) and
11 inserting “contract;” and

12 (5) adding at the end the following:

13 “(7) for service pursuant to a service contract,
14 engage in any unjustly discriminatory practice in the
15 matter of rates or charges with respect to any local-
16 ity, port, or persons due to those persons’ status as
17 shippers’ associations or ocean transportation inter-
18 mediaries; or

19 “(8) for service pursuant to a service contract,
20 give any undue or unreasonable preference or advan-
21 tage or impose any undue or unreasonable prejudice
22 or disadvantage with respect to any locality, port, or
23 persons due to those persons’ status as shippers’ as-
24 sociations or ocean transportation intermediaries;”.

1 (c) Section 10(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46
2 U.S.C. App. 1709(d)) is amended by—

3 (1) striking “freight forwarders,” and inserting
4 “transportation intermediaries,”;

5 (2) striking “freight forwarder,” in paragraph
6 (1) and inserting “transportation intermediary,”;

7 (3) striking “subsection (b)(11), (12), and
8 (16)” and inserting “subsections (b)(10) and (13)”;
9 and

10 (4) adding at the end thereof the following:

11 “(4) No marine terminal operator may give any
12 undue or unreasonable preference or advantage or
13 impose any undue or unreasonable prejudice or dis-
14 advantage with respect to any person.

15 “(5) The prohibition in subsection (b)(13) of
16 this section applies to ocean transportation inter-
17 mediaries, as defined by section 3(17)(A) of this
18 Act.”.

19 **SEC. 110. COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS, REPORTS, AND**
20 **REPARATIONS.**

21 Section 11(g) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
22 App. 1710(g)) is amended by—

23 (1) striking “section 10(b)(5) or (7)” and in-
24 serting “section 10(b)(3) or (6)”;

1 (2) striking “section 10(b)(6)(A) or (B)” and
 2 inserting “section 10(b)(4)(A) or (B).”.

3 **SEC. 111. FOREIGN SHIPPING PRACTICES ACT OF 1988.**

4 Section 10002 of the Foreign Shipping Practices Act
 5 of 1988 (46 U.S.C. App. 1710a) is amended by—

6 (1) striking “‘non-vessel-operating common car-
 7 rier’,” in subsection (a)(1) and inserting “‘ocean
 8 transportation intermediary’,”;

9 (2) striking “forwarding and” in subsection
 10 (a)(4);

11 (3) striking “non-vessel-operating common car-
 12 rier” in subsection (a)(4) and inserting “ocean
 13 transportation intermediary services and”;

14 (4) striking “freight forwarder,” in subsections
 15 (c)(1) and (d)(1) and inserting “transportation
 16 intermediary,”;

17 (5) striking “filed with the Commission,” in
 18 subsection (e)(1)(B) and inserting “and service con-
 19 tracts,”;

20 (6) inserting “and service contracts” after “tar-
 21 iffs” the second place it appears in subsection
 22 (e)(1)(B); and

23 (7) striking “(b)(5)” each place it appears in
 24 subsection (h) and inserting “(b)(6)”.

1 **SEC. 112. PENALTIES.**

2 (a) Section 13(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46
3 U.S.C. App. 1712(a)) is amended by adding at the end
4 thereof the following: “The amount of any penalty im-
5 posed upon a common carrier under this subsection shall
6 constitute a lien upon the vessels operated by that common
7 carrier and any such vessel may be libeled therefore in
8 the district court of the United States for the district in
9 which it may be found.”.

10 (b) Section 13(b) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46
11 U.S.C. App. 1712(b)) is amended by—

12 (1) striking “section 10(b)(1), (2), (3), (4), or
13 (8)” in paragraph (1) and inserting “section
14 10(b)(1), (2), or (7)”;

15 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and
16 (6) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively;

17 (3) inserting before paragraph (5), as redesign-
18 nated, the following:

19 “(4) If the Commission finds, after notice and
20 an opportunity for a hearing, that a common carrier
21 has failed to supply information ordered to be pro-
22 duced or compelled by subpoena under section 12 of
23 this Act, the Commission may request that the Sec-
24 retary of the Treasury refuse or revoke any clear-
25 ance required for a vessel operated by that common
26 carrier. Upon request by the Commission, the Sec-

1 retary of the Treasury shall, with respect to the ves-
 2 sel concerned, refuse or revoke any clearance re-
 3 quired by section 4197 of the Revised Statutes of
 4 the United States (46 U.S.C. App. 91).”; and

5 (4) striking “paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)” in
 6 paragraph (6), as redesignated, and inserting “para-
 7 graphs (1), (2), (3), and (4)”.

8 (c) Section 13(f)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46
 9 U.S.C. App. 1712(f)(1)) is amended by—

10 (1) striking “or (b)(4)” and inserting “or
 11 (b)(2)”;

12 (2) striking “(b)(1), (4)” and inserting “(b)(1),
 13 (2)”;

14 (3) adding at the end thereof the following
 15 “Neither the Commission nor any court shall order
 16 any person to pay the difference between the amount
 17 billed and agreed upon in writing with a common
 18 carrier or its agent and the amount set fourth in
 19 any tariff or service contract by that common carrier
 20 for the transportation service provided.”.

21 **SEC. 113. REPORTS AND CERTIFICATES.**

22 Section 15 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
 23 App. 1714) is amended by—

24 (1) striking “and certificates” in the section
 25 heading;

- 1 (2) striking “(a) REPORTS.—” in the sub-
2 section heading for subsection (a); and
3 (3) striking subsection (b).

4 **SEC. 114. EXEMPTIONS.**

5 Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
6 App. 1715) is amended by striking “substantially impair
7 effective regulation by the Commission, be unjustly dis-
8 criminatory, result in a substantial reduction in competi-
9 tion, or be detrimental to commerce.” and inserting “re-
10 sult in substantial reduction in competition or be det-
11 rimental to commerce.”.

12 **SEC. 115. AGENCY REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

13 Section 18 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
14 App. 1717) is repealed.

15 **SEC. 116. OCEAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS.**

16 Section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
17 App. 1718) is amended by—

18 (1) striking “freight forwarders” in the section
19 caption and inserting “transportation inter-
20 mediaries”;

21 (2) striking subsection (a) and inserting the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(a) LICENSE.—No person in the United States may
24 act as an ocean transportation intermediary unless that
25 person holds a license issued by the Commission. The

1 Commission shall issue an intermediary’s license to any
 2 person that the Commission determines to be qualified by
 3 experience and character to act as an ocean transportation
 4 intermediary.”;

5 (3) redesignating subsections (b), (c), and (d)
 6 as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively;

7 (4) inserting after subsection (a) the following:
 8 “(b) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—

9 “(1) No person may act as an ocean transpor-
 10 tation intermediary unless that person furnishes a
 11 bond, proof of insurance, or other surety in a form
 12 and amount determined by the Commission to insure
 13 financial responsibility that is issued by a surety
 14 company found acceptable by the Secretary of the
 15 Treasury.

16 “(2) A bond, insurance, or other surety ob-
 17 tained pursuant to this section—

18 “(A) shall be available to pay any order for
 19 reparation issued pursuant to section 11 or 14
 20 of this Act, or any penalty assessed pursuant to
 21 section 13 of this Act;

22 “(B) may be available to pay any claim
 23 against an ocean transportation intermediary
 24 arising from its transportation-related activities
 25 described in section 3(17) of this Act with the

1 consent of the insured ocean transportation
2 intermediary and subject to review by the sur-
3 ety company, or when the claim is deemed valid
4 by the surety company after the ocean trans-
5 portation intermediary has failed to respond to
6 adequate notice to address the validity of the
7 claim; and

8 “(C) shall be available to pay any judg-
9 ment for damages against an ocean transpor-
10 tation intermediary arising from its transpor-
11 tation-related activities under section 3(17) of
12 this Act, provided the claimant has first at-
13 tempted to resolve the claim pursuant to sub-
14 paragraph (B) of this paragraph and the claim
15 has not been resolved within a reasonable pe-
16 riod of time.

17 “(3) The Commission shall prescribe regula-
18 tions for the purpose of protecting the interests of
19 claimants, ocean transportation intermediaries, and
20 surety companies with respect to the process of pur-
21 suing claims against ocean transportation inter-
22 mediary bonds, insurance, or sureties through court
23 judgments. The regulations shall provide that a
24 judgment for monetary damages may not be en-
25 forced except to the extent that the damages claimed

1 arise from the transportation-related activities of the
 2 insured ocean transportation intermediary, as de-
 3 fined by the Commission.

4 “(4) An ocean transportation intermediary not
 5 domiciled in the United States shall designate a resi-
 6 dent agent in the United States for receipt of service
 7 of judicial and administrative process, including sub-
 8 poenas.”;

9 (5) striking, each place such term appears—

10 (A) “freight forwarder” and inserting
 11 “transportation intermediary”;

12 (B) “a forwarder’s” and inserting “an
 13 intermediary’s”;

14 (C) “forwarder” and inserting “inter-
 15 mediary”; and

16 (D) “forwarding” and inserting “inter-
 17 mediary”;

18 (6) striking “a bond in accordance with sub-
 19 section (a)(2).” in subsection (c), as redesignated,
 20 and inserting “a bond, proof of insurance, or other
 21 surety in accordance with subsection (b)(1).”;

22 (7) striking “FORWARDERS.—” in the caption
 23 of subsection (e), as redesignated, and inserting
 24 “INTERMEDIARIES.—”;

1 (8) striking “intermediary” the first place it ap-
 2 pears in subsection (e)(1), as redesignated and as
 3 amended by paragraph (5)(A), and inserting “inter-
 4 mediary, as defined in section 3(17)(A) of this
 5 Act,”;

6 (9) striking “license” in paragraph (1) of sub-
 7 section (e), as redesignated, and inserting “license,
 8 if required by subsection (a),”;

9 (10) striking paragraph (3) of subsection (e), as
 10 redesignated, and redesignating paragraph (4) as
 11 paragraph (3); and

12 (11) adding at the end of subsection (e), as re-
 13 designated, the following:

14 “(4) No conference or group of 2 or more ocean
 15 common carriers in the foreign commerce of the
 16 United States that is authorized to agree upon the
 17 level of compensation paid to an ocean transpor-
 18 tation intermediary, as defined in section 3(17)(A)
 19 of this Act, may—

20 “(A) deny to any member of the con-
 21 ference or group the right, upon notice of not
 22 more than 5 calendar days, to take independent
 23 action on any level of compensation paid to an
 24 ocean transportation intermediary, as so de-
 25 fined; or

“(B) agree to limit the payment of compensation to an ocean transportation intermediary, as so defined, to less than 1.25 percent of the aggregate of all rates and charges which are applicable under a tariff and which are assessed against the cargo on which the intermediary services are provided.”.

**SEC. 117. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND LICENSES
UNDER PRIOR SHIPPING LEGISLATION.**

Section 20 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1719) is amended by—

(1) striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) **EFFECTS ON CERTAIN AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.**—All agreements, contracts, modifications, licenses, and exemptions previously issued, approved, or effective under the Shipping Act, 1916, or the Shipping Act of 1984, shall continue in force and effect as if issued or effective under this Act, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, and all new agreements, contracts, and modifications to existing, pending, or new contracts or agreements shall be considered under this Act, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998.”;

(2) inserting the following at the end of subsection (e):

1 “(3) The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998
2 shall not affect any suit—

3 “(A) filed before the effective date of that
4 Act; or

5 “(B) with respect to claims arising out of
6 conduct engaged in before the effective date of
7 that Act filed within 1 year after the effective
8 date of that Act.

9 “(4) Regulations issued by the Federal Mari-
10 time Commission shall remain in force and effect
11 where not inconsistent with this Act, as amended by
12 the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998.”.

13 **SEC. 118. SURETY FOR NON-VESSEL-OPERATING COMMON**
14 **CARRIERS.**

15 Section 23 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C.
16 App. 1721) is repealed.

17 **TITLE II—AUTHORIZATION OF**
18 **APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
19 **FEDERAL MARITIME COMMIS-**
20 **SION**

21 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FIS-**
22 **CAL YEAR 1998.**

23 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fed-
24 eral Maritime Commission, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year
25 1998.

1 **SEC. 202. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION ORGANIZA-**
 2 **TION.**

3 Section 102(d) of Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961
 4 (75 Stat. 840) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(d) A vacancy or vacancies in the membership of
 6 Commission shall not impair the power of the Commission
 7 to execute its functions. The affirmative vote of a majority
 8 of the members serving on the Commission is required to
 9 dispose of any matter before the Commission.”.

10 **SEC. 203. REGULATIONS.**

11 Not later than March 1, 1999, the Federal Maritime
 12 Commission shall prescribe final regulations to implement
 13 the changes made by this Act.

14 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO**
 15 **OTHER SHIPPING AND MARI-**
 16 **TIME LAWS**

17 **SEC. 301. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 19 OF THE MERCHANT**
 18 **MARINE ACT, 1920.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 19 of the Merchant Ma-
 20 rine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 876) is amended by—

21 (1) striking “forwarding and” in subsection
 22 (1)(b);

23 (2) striking “non-vessel-operating common car-
 24 rier operations,” in subsection (1)(b) and inserting
 25 “ocean transportation intermediary services and op-
 26 erations,”;

1 (3) striking “methods or practices” and insert-
 2 ing “methods, pricing practices, or other practices”
 3 in subsection (1)(b);

4 (4) striking “tariffs of a common carrier” in
 5 subsection 7(d) and inserting “tariffs and service
 6 contracts of a common carrier”;

7 (5) striking “use the tariffs of conferences” in
 8 subsections (7)(d) and (9)(b) and inserting “use tar-
 9 iffs of conferences and service contracts of agree-
 10 ments”;

11 (6) striking “tariffs filed with the Commission”
 12 in subsection (9)(b) and inserting “tariffs and serv-
 13 ice contracts”;

14 (7) striking “freight forwarder,” each place it
 15 appears and inserting “transportation inter-
 16 mediary,”; and

17 (8) striking “tariff” each place it appears in
 18 subsection (11) and inserting “tariff or service con-
 19 tract”.

20 (b) **STYLISTIC CONFORMITY.**—Section 19 of the Mer-
 21 chant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 876), as amend-
 22 ed by subsection (a), is further amended by—

23 (1) redesignating subdivisions (1) through (12)
 24 as subsections (a) through (l), respectively;

1 (2) redesignating subdivisions (a), (b), and (c)
 2 of subsection (a), as redesignated, as paragraphs
 3 (1), (2), and (3);

4 (3) redesignating subdivisions (a) through (d)
 5 of subsection (f), as redesignated, as paragraphs (1)
 6 through (4), respectively;

7 (4) redesignating subdivisions (a) through (e) of
 8 subsection (g), as redesignated, as paragraphs (1)
 9 through (5), respectively;

10 (5) redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) of sub-
 11 section (g)(4), as redesignated, as subparagraphs
 12 (A) and (B), respectively;

13 (6) redesignating subdivisions (a) through (e) of
 14 subsection (i), as redesignated, as paragraphs (1)
 15 through (5), respectively;

16 (7) redesignating subdivisions (a) and (b) of
 17 subsection (j), as redesignated, as paragraphs (1)
 18 and (2), respectively;

19 (8) striking “subdivision (c) of paragraph (1)”
 20 in subsection (c), as redesignated, and inserting
 21 “subsection (a)(3)”;

22 (9) striking “paragraph (2)” in subsection (c),
 23 as redesignated, and inserting “subsection (b)”;

24 (10) striking “paragraph (1)(b)” each place it
 25 appears and inserting “subsection (a)(2)”;

1 (11) striking “subdivision (b),” in subsection
 2 (g)(4), as redesignated, and inserting “paragraph
 3 (2),”;

4 (12) striking “paragraph (9)(d)” in subsection
 5 (j)(1), as redesignated, and inserting “subsection
 6 (i)(4)”;

7 (13) striking “paragraph (7)(d) or (9)(b)” in
 8 subsection (k), as redesignated, and inserting “sub-
 9 section (g)(4) or (i)(2)”.

10 **SEC. 302. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

11 (a) PUBLIC LAW 89–777.—Sections 2 and 3 of the
 12 Act of November 6, 1966 (46 U.S.C. App. 817d and 817e)
 13 are amended by striking “they in their discretion” each
 14 place it appears and inserting “it in its discretion”.

15 (b) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Section 641(i) of the
 16 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1641) is repealed.

17 **TITLE IV—MERCHANT MARINER**
 18 **BENEFITS.**

19 **SEC. 401. MERCHANT MARINER BENEFITS.**

20 (a) BENEFITS.—Part G of subtitle II, title 46,
 21 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
 22 following new chapter:

“CHAPTER 112—MERCHANT MARINER BENEFITS

“Sec.

“11201. Qualified service.

“11202. Documentation of qualified service.

“11203. Eligibility for certain veterans’ benefits.

“11204. Processing fees.

1 **“§ 11201. Qualified service**

2 “For purposes of this chapter, a person engaged in
3 qualified service if, between August 16, 1945, and Decem-
4 ber 31, 1946, the person—

5 “(1) was a member of the United States mer-
6 chant marine (including the Army Transport Service
7 and the Naval Transportation Service) serving as a
8 crewmember of a vessel that was—

9 “(A) operated by the War Shipping Ad-
10 ministration or the Office of Defense Transpor-
11 tation (or an agent of the Administration or Of-
12 fice);

13 “(B) operated in waters other than inland
14 waters, the Great Lakes, other lakes, bays, and
15 harbors of the United States;

16 “(C) under contract or charter to, or prop-
17 erty of, the Government of the United States;
18 and

19 “(D) serving the Armed Forces; and

20 “(2) while so serving, was licensed or otherwise
21 documented for service as a crewmember of such a
22 vessel by an officer or employee of the United States
23 authorized to license or document the person for
24 such service.

1 **“§ 11202. Documentation of qualified service**

2 “(a) RECORD OF SERVICE.—The Secretary, or in the
3 case of personnel of the Army Transport Service or the
4 Naval Transport Service, the Secretary of Defense, shall,
5 upon application—

6 “(1) issue a certificate of honorable discharge
7 to a person who, as determined by the respective
8 Secretary, engaged in qualified service of a nature
9 and duration that warrants issuance of the certifi-
10 cate; and

11 “(2) correct, or request the appropriate official
12 of the Federal Government to correct, the service
13 records of the person to the extent necessary to re-
14 flect the qualified service and the issuance of the
15 certificate of honorable discharge.

16 “(b) TIMING OF DOCUMENTATION.—The respective
17 Secretary shall take action on an application under sub-
18 section (a) not later than one year after the respective Sec-
19 retary receives the application.

20 “(c) STANDARDS RELATING TO SERVICE.—In mak-
21 ing a determination under subsection (a)(1), the respective
22 Secretary shall apply the same standards relating to the
23 nature and duration of service that apply to the issuance
24 of honorable discharges under section 401(a)(1)(B) of the
25 GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (38 U.S.C. 106 note).

1 “(d) CORRECTION OF RECORDS.—An official of the
 2 Federal Government who is requested to correct service
 3 records under subsection (a)(2) shall do so.

4 **“§ 11203. Eligibility for certain veterans’ benefits**

5 “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The qualified service of an
 7 individual referred to in paragraph (2) is deemed to
 8 be active duty in the Armed Forces during a period
 9 of war for purposes of eligibility for benefits under
 10 chapters 23 and 24 of title 38.

11 “(2) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—Paragraph (1)
 12 applies to an individual who—

13 “(A) receives an honorable discharge cer-
 14 tificate under section 11202 of this title; and

15 “(B) is not eligible under any other provi-
 16 sion of law for benefits under laws administered
 17 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

18 “(b) REIMBURSEMENT FOR BENEFITS PROVIDED.—
 19 The Secretary shall reimburse the Secretary of Veterans
 20 Affairs for the value of benefits that the Secretary of Vet-
 21 erans Affairs provides for an individual by reason of eligi-
 22 bility under this section.

23 “(c) PROSPECTIVE APPLICABILITY.—An individual is
 24 not entitled to receive, and may not receive, benefits under

1 this chapter for any period before the date of enactment
 2 of this chapter.

3 **“§ 11204. Processing fees**

4 “(a) COLLECTION OF FEES.—The Secretary, or in
 5 the case of personnel of the Army Transport Service or
 6 the Naval Transport Service, the Secretary of Defense,
 7 shall collect a fee of \$30 from each applicant for process-
 8 ing an application submitted under section 11202(a) of
 9 this title.

10 “(b) TREATMENT OF FEES COLLECTED.—Amounts
 11 received by the respective Secretary under this section
 12 shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as
 13 offsetting receipts of the department in which the Coast
 14 Guard is operating and ascribed to Coast Guard activities,
 15 or in the case of fees collected for processing discharges
 16 from the Army Transport Service or the Naval Transport
 17 Service, deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as
 18 offsetting receipts of the Department of Defense, and shall
 19 be available subject to appropriation for the administrative
 20 costs for processing such applications.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
 22 at the beginning of subtitle II of title 46, United States
 23 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
 24 chapter 111 the following:

“112. Merchant mariner benefits.....11201”.

1 **TITLE V—CERTAIN LOAN GUAR-**
2 **ANTEES AND COMMITMENTS**

3 **SEC. 501. CERTAIN LOAN GUARANTEES AND COMMIT-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 (a) The Secretary of Transportation may not issue
6 a guarantee or commitment to guarantee a loan for the
7 construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of a liner
8 vessel under the authority of title XI of the Merchant Ma-
9 rine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1271 et seq.) after the
10 date of enactment of this Act unless the Chairman of the
11 Federal Maritime Commission certifies that the operator
12 of such vessel—

13 (1) has not been found by the Commission to
14 have violated section 19 of the Merchant Marine
15 Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 876), or the Foreign
16 Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46 U.S.C. App.
17 1701a), within the previous 5 years; and

18 (2) has not been found by the Commission to
19 have committed a violation of the Shipping Act of
20 1984 (46 U.S.C. App. 1701 et seq.), which involves
21 unjust or unfair discriminatory treatment or undue
22 or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage with re-
23 spect to a United States shipper, ocean transpor-
24 tation intermediary, ocean common carrier, or port
25 within the previous 5 years.

1 (b) The Secretary of Commerce may not issue a guar-
2 antee or a commitment to guarantee a loan for the con-
3 struction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of a fishing
4 vessel under the authority of title XI of the Merchant Ma-
5 rine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1271 et seq.) if the fishing
6 vessel operator has been—

7 (1) held liable or liable in rem for a civil pen-
8 alty pursuant to section 308 of the Magnuson-Ste-
9 vens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
10 U.S.C. 1858) and not paid the penalty;

11 (2) found guilty of an offense pursuant to sec-
12 tion 309 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
13 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1859)
14 and not paid the assessed fine or served the assessed
15 sentence;

16 (3) held liable for a civil or criminal penalty
17 pursuant to section 105 of the Marine Mammal Pro-
18 tection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1375) and not paid
19 the assessed fine or served the assessed sentence; or

1 (4) held liable for a civil penalty by the Coast
2 Guard pursuant to title 33 or 46, United States
3 Code, and not paid the assessed fine.

Passed the Senate April 21, 1998.

Attest:

Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, and for other purposes.

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